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Dictionary

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Cultivating California

Dictionary

A

agricultural economy

An economy based on farming or ranching.



agriculture

The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.



archaeological site

A place where ancient people were active and left behind objects that are of historical interest.





archaeology

The study of the life and culture of ancient people.



artifact

An object, such as a tool, made by humans.



crop

A type of plant or the seasonal production of plants grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.

C

D

domestication

The process of taming wild animals and growing wild plants to live and reproduce in ways that are useful for humans.



E

economy

Activities related to the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.



environment

The conditions and surroundings where organisms live.





fanega

A Spanish unit of volume equal to about 12 gallons, used mostly for dry goods, such as grains.



grove

A group of trees growing together.



hunter-gatherer economy

An economy based on collecting foods and natural resources from the surroundings.

I

irrigate

To supply water to plants through pipes, artificial channels, or other methods.



L

land use

The way land is used by humans, such as for farming, housing, and habitat protection.



league

A unit of distance equal to between 2.4 miles and 4.6 miles.





livestock

Animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, and pigs, that are raised for food and other uses.



native species

Plants, animals, and other organisms that are found naturally in a place.



natural object

Things like shells, trees, and rocks that are found in nature.



natural resources

Materials, such as soil, water, minerals, and energy, that people use from nature and natural systems.



natural system

The parts, processes, and cycles in an environment, and the interactions among plants, animals, and other organisms with their environment.



nonnative species

A plant, animal, or other organism that was brought to a new place by humans.





padre

A Franciscan priest;
means “father” in Spanish.

P



rancho

The Spanish word for
a ranch.

R



reservoir

A lake or other storage
area where water is
collected and kept for
future uses.

self-sufficient

Able to provide for oneself without the help of others.

**sow**

To spread seeds in or on soil for growing.

**surplus**

The amount of goods above the amount needed to meet one's own needs.



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